HOUSE BILL 1479

By Harwell

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1; Title 49, Chapter 2 and Title 49, Chapter 6, relative to civic education.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 6, Part 15, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 49-6-15__. In at least one (1) grade in grades six (6) through eight (8), the formalized course of instruction for students enrolled in the public schools of this state shall include a separate course in civics. Such course shall emphasize the responsibilities and privileges of citizenship in the American democratic society at the local, state, and national levels.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.